The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacock Dwellings Community Center, East Rochester, PA.

Meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Joyce Gordon, Joe Seminick, Cathy Hutsky, Kendra Hill, and Jim Simon

ALSO, PRESENT: Solicitor Paul Steff, Chief Mercier, Engineer Jeff Frye, James Dunn and Rick Krepps

ABSENT: Mayor Knox and John Clay

CITIZENS REPORT: Mr. Krepps came to the meeting regarding the need to obtain an address from the Borough so that we can obtain electricity to the vacant property he owns in the Borough. He was told that the Borough provides the addresses. Mr. Steff indicated that usually the Borough Engineer assigns addresses. Mr. Steff asked where the property is and Mr. Krepps indicated that the lot is near his shed which is on another property he owns. At this time Mr. Frye arrived and Mr. Steff told him about Mr. Krepps request for an address on a piece of vacant property he purchased so that he can have electrical service supplied. Mr. Frye indicated that he can help with obtaining the address so that Mr. Krepps can contact the electric company and get service to the property. Mr. Frye indicated that the address is assigned by the Borough and the 911 Center. Mr. Steff indicated that the electric companies now require municipalities to obtain addresses and coordinate with the 911 center. Mr. Krepps was asked if he will be living there and he said "No" and that he only needs to get electrical service there and possibly postal service. Mr. Krepps was asked to provide to the borough the parcel number for the property so that the borough can provide him with an address. Mr. Krepps said he is not sure but thinks that the address will be 1110 Pentland Avenue.

Mr. Krepps also mentioned that the telephone pole near him is falling down over the hill. There are "No Trespassing" signs around it. Mr. Krepps asked Chief Mercier if he would be in trouble if he got the pole number so Duquesne Light could be contacted so they could take care of it. Chief Mercier told Mr. Krepps he can not tell him to go on private property to get the pole number. He suggested to Mr. Krepps that he could try to get the pole number by standing on his property and using binoculars to see if he could see the pole number. Chief Mercier said if he is in the vicinity of the area Mr. Krepps is talking about, he will also try to get the pole number.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Mrs. Gordon called for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Joe Seminick made motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting. Kendra Hill seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor of accepting the prior month's meeting minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Secretary read invitation from Rochester VFW Post #128 for a 90th Anniversary Dinner on April 27th at 6:00 PM at the Rochester VFW on Virginia Avenue. The dinner is free to all council members. Reservations are due by April 23. Secretary indicated that if any council member is interested in attending to let her know and she will make the reservation.

The Secretary indicated that she had received a call on March 28, 2019 from Patricia Majors who is a resident on Atlantic Avenue in Monaca, who also happens to be a councilwoman for Monaca Borough. She was wondering if something could be done about the lights from All Metals Recycling

that reflect across the river into her bedroom windows and also the windows of some of her neighbors. She is wondering if the lights from All Metals can be diverted so that they do not shine into her bedroom window and the windows of her neighbors due to everyone's various work schedules. Mrs. Majors indicated that she had approached Monaca Borough about this issue and was informed there is nothing that can be done. Mr. Steff indicated that since it is not a new business in the borough that he is not aware of any regulations or guidelines in the Borough concerning lighting.

Mr. Steff said that either (1) a letter could be sent to All Metals Recycling by the Borough stating the situation and that our borough had received a complaint from residents of Monaca Borough and see if All Metals would take appropriate action to adjust the lighting, or (2) do nothing or (3) the residents in Monaca Borough could deal privately with All Metals. The residents of Monaca Borough could also file a nuisance action against All Metals if they wish. The residents of Monaca could be directed to take action themselves with All Metals. There is no violation in our Borough that could be enforced.

Kendra Hill said to respond that All Metals has not violated any code and there is nothing East Rochester can do about the matter because there is no code violation. Indicate that it is private matter and that the resident of Monaca Borough could write a letter to All Metals stating her position.

Mr. Steff said this is nothing new and Joyce Gordon said this matter has arisen before. The Secretary said the resident could write a letter to All Metals and Mr. Steff said absolutely.

Mr. Simon indicated that Sam had borrowed a manhole lifter from Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority and showed it to his brother who said he could fabricate one for the Borough for a cost of $190.00. Mrs. Gordon asked for motion to have Sam's brother fabricate a manhole lifter for the Borough. Mr. Simon asked the Borough Secretary if she had looked online for manhole lifters. She indicated that she and Sam had searched and the cheapest one found was at a cost of $170.00 plus shipping and tax and is made of steel alloy. Some of the others found online cost much more money and were only made of aluminum. Joe Seminick said the Borough needs to realize that by getting a manhole lifter it will save Sam's back. Kendra Hill made motion to have Sam's brother fabricate manhole lifter for the Borough at a cost of $190.00. Joe Seminick seconded. By roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gordon read letter from Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. (the insurance company handling the claim of February 24, 2019 for the lift station). A check in the amount of $7,224.00 will be sent to the Borough to pay the Borough's claim. The amount being paid reflects the subtraction of the $1,000 policy deductible. Mr. Simon indicated that we may have another claim as the pump is not functioning properly. It was indicated that Reno Bros. will be pulling the non-functioning pump to have it checked out. The Borough Secretary indicated that she had called our adjustor at Gallagher Bassett Services and indicated to him that we were having trouble with the pump which maybe a manufacturer's issue and that the pump had been sent out to the manufacturer to be checked and we may have another claim with them. He said to let him know once determined.

The Borough Secretary indicated that she had received a request from Rochester Little Rams to keep their practice equipment at the East Washington Street site. The Little Rams originally applied for the permit in May, 2018 and paid the $100.00 deposit and 3 keys were provided. Mrs. Gordon said that according to the permit they were to use the field from June to October 2018. The equipment remained on the field all winter long. Dan Sisco came to the borough office and inquired if the borough had been contacted by Little Rams about the returning of the keys and the deposit. The Borough Secretary explained to Mr. Sisco that she had not heard from the organization. Since then the

Little Rams organization has requested to be allowed to keep their equipment at the East Washington Street location as they have no place to store the equipment. Mr. Simon indicated that they have the building at the school to store their equipment. The Borough Secretary said she told them that they need to clean up the area and return the keys that are in their possession and that their initial deposit of $100 would be returned to them. A discussion was held about this matter. Mr. Simon said we have dealt with this organization over the years. They always promised to clean up the area and it has never happened. Mr. Simon said they take advantage of the Borough. In the past years, the organization has used the concession stand and never cleaned it up afterwards. Mr. Simon asked why are they using the concession stand if they are not selling anything. The field is to be used as their practice field. They do not need keys to the concession stand only the bathrooms. It was decided that the Borough Secretary send a letter to the Little Rams indicating that they need to remove their equipment from the field, clean up the area and return the keys to the Borough. The Borough Secretary asked if their deposit should be returned. It was decided not to return the deposit due to the fact that they kept their equipment at the East Washington site all winter and did not clean up the area. Mr. Simon said if they come to the borough this year and ask to use the area, they will be charged another $100 deposit. Mrs. Gordon said if they still have the keys they need to turn them in. The Borough Secretary indicated that they probably won't turn the keys in because they will be requesting use of the area again in May. Mr. Simon said if either the baseball or softball teams request use of the field from the Borough or Cathy Hutsky, they have the option to get the field. Mr. Steff said that when these organizations come and request use of the field whether or not the Borough grants them permission should be based on whether they keep the area clean. They need to comply with the rules and regulations of the Borough regarding renting the field. The Borough Secretary indicated that they did not remove the equipment evidently because they have no place to store it. It was mentioned that the Borough is not a storage facility unless we want to charge them a monthly rental fee.

MAYOR and POLICE: Chief Mercier gave the Police Report. He said there were 78 calls for service during the month of March, 25 citations were issued and there was 1 criminal offense.

The Secretary indicated that Mayor Knox picked up a US and PA State flag free of charge at Rep. Mattzie's office. Mr. Simon asked if the Mayor mentioned anything about the free trees that can be obtained from Rep. Mattzie's office. Mr. Simon said there is a program to get trees from the state so they could be planted on the hillside behind GetGo. Mr. Simon said the area would be the small patch area in front of the Borough Building. Mrs. Gordon said that was not a good idea to plant the trees there that there were other areas of the Borough where the trees could be planted. Mrs. Gordon asked for motion to accept police report. Kendra Hill made motion to accept police report, Jim Simon seconded. By roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

STREETS & SEWERS: Mr. Simon had suggested to Sam that he get a tripod with a chain pull and come-along so that he could pull the pumps at the lift station if needed. The pumps weigh approximately 250# each. Mrs. Gordon asked if Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority would have a tripod. Mr. Frye said that they would. If he had this maybe he could pull the pumps himself instead of calling Reno Bros. Mrs. Gordon indicated that when he pulled the pump a few days ago there were wires that were burnt out that were caused possibly by the power surge. Reno Bros. has pulled the pump and sent it back to the manufacturer to determine if there is a manufacturing issue or something else. Mr. Simon will work on obtaining a price for the tripod. In the meantime, if needed maybe we can borrow one from the sewer authority.

Mr. Simon asked if something could be done like putting a trash rack at the lift station so the wipes would be caught and not jam up the pumps. Mr. Frye said it had been discussed before about a trash rack. Mr. Frye said the subject had been discussed and he thought that Reno Bros. had modified

the system so that a trash rack was not needed. Mr. Simon said wipes are still getting caught in the system. Normally a pump station will have a trash rack. Talked before about having it fabricated. Can look into getting it fabricated.

Mr. Simon indicated that Sam had made a request to receive an additional week of vacation. This matter will be discussed in Executive Session.

BUILDING PERMITS: Mrs. Gordon said she wanted to talk to Mr. Clay about the permit for the property recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Signorelli. Permit is being reviewed.

FINANCE & BUDGET TAX REPORT: The Secretary reported the tax collector collected $24,619.58 with a commission of $738.59. The total bills paid for the month were $31,478.62. Motion was made by Jim Simon to accept the tax report and pay all bills. Joe Seminick seconded the motion. By way of roll call vote. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Joe Seminick gave report. There were 37 calls for the month of March, 5 of those calls were for East Rochester. There was 1 service call and 2 false alarms.

Mrs. Gordon asked if the fire truck was sold. Mr. Simon said he was not sure and Mr. Seminick said it was. Mr. Simon said that Pat Duffy has been handling the matter. Mr. Seminick said it was sold to North Irwin Fire Department.

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: None

BOROUGH ENGINEERING: Jeff Frye said the Chapter 94 report had been completed and submitted to KLH Engineers. He will take a look at the Oak Street storm sewer that is crumbling.

RECREATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

At 7:50 pm a motion was made by Kendra Hill to go into executive session with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by James Simon. Meeting adjourned. at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dunn, Borough Secretary/Treasurer